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By Representatives McDermott, Romero, Miloscia, Upthegrove, Schindler and Lysen

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1 AN ACT Relating to members of the public disclosure commission; and  
2 amending RCW 42.17.350.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.350 and 1998 c 30 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby established a "public disclosure commission"  
7 which shall be composed of five members who shall be appointed by the  
8 governor, with the consent of the senate. All appointees shall be  
9 persons of the highest integrity and qualifications. No more than  
10 three members shall have an identification with the same political  
11 party.

12 (2) The term of each member shall be five years. No member is  
13 eligible for appointment to more than one full term. Any member may be  
14 removed by the governor, but only upon grounds of neglect of duty or  
15 misconduct in office.

16 (3) No person may serve on the commission who is not a registered  
17 voter of the state at the time of selection.

1        (4) During his or her tenure, a member of the commission is  
2 prohibited from engaging in any of the following activities, either  
3 within or outside the state of Washington:

4        ~~((a))~~ ~~((Holding or campaigning for elective office;~~  
5        ~~(b)))~~ Serving as an officer of any political party or political  
6 committee;

7        ~~((e))~~ (b) Permitting his or her name to be used in support of or  
8 in opposition to a candidate or proposition;

9        ~~((d))~~ (c) Soliciting or making contributions to a candidate or in  
10 support of or in opposition to any candidate or proposition;

11        ~~((e))~~ (d) Participating in any way in any election campaign; or

12        ~~((f))~~ (e) Lobbying, employing, or assisting a lobbyist, except  
13 that a member or the staff of the commission may lobby to the limited  
14 extent permitted by RCW 42.17.190 on matters directly affecting this  
15 chapter.

16        ~~((4))~~ (5) No member of the commission may hold, seek, or campaign  
17 for elective or appointive office while a member of the commission.

18        (6) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled within thirty days  
19 of the vacancy by the governor, with the consent of the senate, and the  
20 appointee shall serve for the remaining term of his or her predecessor.  
21 A vacancy shall not impair the powers of the remaining members to  
22 exercise all of the powers of the commission.

23        ~~((5))~~ (7) Three members of the commission shall constitute a  
24 quorum. The commission shall elect its own chair and adopt its own  
25 rules of procedure in the manner provided in chapter 34.05 RCW.

26        ~~((6))~~ (8) Members shall be compensated in accordance with RCW  
27 43.03.250 and in addition shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
28 incurred while engaged in the business of the commission as provided in  
29 RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. The compensation provided pursuant to  
30 this section shall not be considered salary for purposes of the  
31 provisions of any retirement system created pursuant to the general  
32 laws of this state.

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